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GRIZZLIES HOST DOANE,
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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana basketball team will officially open its 1979-80 season this weekend, hosting Doane College, Friday, Nov. 30 and Carroll College, Saturday, Dec. 1.

Friday's game will be "Allan Nielsen Night" in honor of the former Grizzly standout, who was tragically killed in a construction accident last summer. His wife, Vicki, will be presented with the proceeds from the Allan Nielsen Memorial Trust Fund, established for Nielsen's children. His jersey will also be retired (not his number).

Montana lost an exhibition game last Saturday, 67-60 to visiting Athletes In Action-Canada. Craig Zanon was UM's leading scorer, with 18 points. He also had a game-high 10 rebounds. Tim Knight chipped in 12 points and 6 rebounds. Marty Green had 8 rebounds.

Doane College from Crete, Neb., features seven returning lettermen, including four starters. The starters are, Jon Parker (6-9, C); Gary Stubblefield (6-1, G); Gary Karthaus (6-4, F) and Ray Montgomery (6-2, G). The other starter this season is junior college transfer Shelly Tunson (6-4, G-F).

Parker is the team's leading scorer (the Tigers were 2-3 at press time) averaging 18.6 points per game. Karthaus is averaging 14.6 ppg; Tunson, 13.8 ppg; Montgomery 10.2 ppg and Stubblefield, 8.5 ppg. Doane was 13-15 last season and 6-4 (second place) in the Nebraska Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The team is coached by Bob Erickson.

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Stout State, a 61-41 victim to the Grizzlies last season, features six returning lettermen, including 6-5 Harvey Pearson, an all-conference player for the Blue Devils, who averaged 14.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. He is a senior.

Other starters for the Blue Devils, who were 1-1 at press time, are: Craig Summer (6-2, G); Rick Nolan (6-0, G); Mike Devney (6-3, F) and George Riese (6-8, C).

Summers, a sophomore from Paris, KY, has been Stout's top scorer, hitting 25 in the teams' opener and 14 in the next game. He is the squad's top returning scorer from last season. He averaged 14.3 ppg last season.

Stout State is coached by Dwain Mintz.

The Grizzlies will start either Tim Knight or Rod Brandon and Marty Green at the forward slots; Craig Larsen at center and Craig Zanon and Tim McCauley or Blaine Taylor at guards.

Second-year coach Mike Montgomery said he was very pleased with the intensity his team displayed in the contest against Athletes in Action-Canada. "We did a lot of things well," he said. "It was our first game, and we made some mistakes which we expected. Turnovers at crucial times were the big difference. If we could have converted on a couple of occasions and not turned the ball over, we could have been a lot closer, or won the game."

After this weekend's home stand the Grizzlies will travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., to play the Air Force Academy Monday, Dec. 3 and then to San Jose, Calif. to play San Jose State Wednesday, Dec. 5.

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